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Sir:

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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,909,674 issued June 1, 1999 to Schaffer et al.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,982,891 issued November 9, 1999 to Ginter et al.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,999,908 issued December 7, 1999 to Abelow

4. U.S. Patent No. 6,044,375 issued March 28, 2000 to Shmueli et al.
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,112,181 issued August 29, 2000 to Shear et al.
6. U.S. Patent No. 6,128,587 issued October 3, 2000 to Sjolander
7. U.S. Patent No. 6,131,089 issued October 10, 2000 to Campbell et al.
8. U.S. Patent No. 6,137,911 issued October 24, 2000 to Zhilyaev
9. U.S. Patent No. 6,138,115 issued October 24, 2000 to Agrawal et al.
10. U.S. Patent No. 6,151,565 issued November 21, 2000 to Lobley et al.
11. U.S. Patent No. 6,161,130 issued December 12, 2000 to Horvitz et al.
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and make of record the documents cited herein. Applicants further request that a copy of the Form PTO-1449, appropriately initialed by the Examiner, be returned to Applicants' attorney.

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